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"FIGHTING TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S VICTORY"

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APOLOGY OFFERED AFTER DEMONSTRATION

Nation's Capital Gets Modern Negro Co-op

By Mary Dillmann for the
Cooperative League News Service

Washington, D. C. (CLNS)—To the tune of a brass band and the tapping of some five hundred pairs of feet, the largest and most modern co-op foodstore in the nation's capital threw open its doors to a clamoring public at a gala celebration Tuesday evening, July 25th. The Frederick Douglass Co-op had emerged from its modest "Toad Lane" beginnings to become a 20th Century, 1944, super-market that is worthy of the tradition of the Rochdale weavers, but eager to set the pace for the coming "cooperative century."

"This is an occasion not only to celebrate the realization of a goal in terms of chromium fitted show cases and the latest refrigerating equipment, nor even the fact that here is a super Co-op food market. More significantly, it is concrete evidence of what can be achieved by working together with other groups through an existing cooperative without going through the intermediary of government," said Dr. H. Naylor Fitzhugh, instructor in commerce and finance, Howard University.

In the fall of 1943, as a result of an expansion policy for all co-operative enterprises in the District of Columbia to commemorate the Rochdale Centennial Rochdale Co-operative, Inc., with two stores here at that time, established a revolving fund of \$10,000 for the purpose of aiding groups ready to open and support a store by furnishing for one year's time 50 per-

cent of the capital needed for the equipment of a new store if the store would become a branch of
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Sen. Pepper To Speak Here September 10

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida will be the main speaker at the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, September 10, at 3:30 p. m. Pepper was co-sponsor of the Pepper-Kilgore bill and aided in passage of other progressive legislation. He is known nationally as a pro-Roosevelt, win-the-war congressman.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee and the State Central Committee of the democratic party. Patriotic songs and entertainment will be featured.

Other Key Figures Slated

Quentin Reynolds will be presented at a harvest festival on September 22, it has been announced. Vice-President Wallace is scheduled to appear here on October 10, and Senator Harry S. Truman, democratic vice-presidential candidate, will deliver an address on November 4th.

Inter-racial Meet Vanport, Sept. 12

An inter-racial meeting is scheduled to be held in Vanport City September 12, at 8 p. m., at Recreation Center No. 5. This meeting is to be lead by E. B. McNaughton, president of the First National bank of Portland, and Dr. DeNorval Unthank, leading Negro physician of Portland.

This meeting will furnish enlightenment to all who may attend. Mr. McNaughton has been recognized as a liberal thinker and progressive. He has given vigorous support to many programs designed to promote better racial relations. Dr. Unthank has for many years activated himself in movements and programs concerned with Negro welfare in the Portland area.

Significant Political Plans Under Way

The Negro Democrats, under the leadership of Oliver Smith and Clifford G. Walker, held a mass meeting Wednesday night, August 30, at the Elks Temple, 2504 N. Williams Avenue. This meeting earmarks the beginning of a concerted and unified effort on the part of Negro and white Democrats to carry forth a diligent program to recruit and register all unregistered voters in this area.

George Lavey, chairman of the Multnomah County democratic central committee, and speaker of the evening, gave an informative talk on the "Role of the Democratic Party and Its Relationship to the Negro People." Lavey clearly illustrated how the immediate aims and objectives of freedom-loving Negro people are closely connected with political objectives of the democratic party.

Many persons figured prominently in this meeting. Among them were C. G. Walker, Oliver Smith, Lew Wallace, Al Brown, and Sam Markson.

This meeting was significant also in that it was announced that this meeting signified the formation of the Albina Progressive Democratic Club. This club consists of functionaries of both races who will work cooperatively to create an interest among all potential voters in this community to exercise their right of franchise.

Chesley E. Corbett, a skilled political organizer, is mapping plans for a sound and penetrating political educational program in conjunction with the able organizers of the Albina Progressive Democratic Club. Preparations for a series of mass meetings featuring dynamic Negro functionaries as counsellors on the political trends which the Negro voters must follow to better their status in American life are now being scheduled. The Multnomah County Central Committee has expressed a desire to support all of these programs in every way possible.

The Portland Council for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission will meet at the Williams Avenue USO September 20 at 3 p. m.

Realization of War Aims Results In Explanation

Walter Carrington, Negro electrician at Commercial Iron Works shipyard, was told last week by Maynard Olsen, white, who formerly worked as electrician's helper to Carrington at Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard, of the ulterior and despicable workings of a vicious scheme to race-bait Carrington and other Negroes at Swan Island who desired to exercise their right to be promoted to leadman positions.

Recently Carrington was removed from the Swan Island yards by the Electrical Workers' Union, local 48, because white workers resented upgrading of a Negro worker, Roland Veney, to leadman. The white workers were incensed because they attributed this move to upgrade Negroes on the part of the union and the Kaiser Company as being due to the long and vigilant fight that Carrington and other Negroes have waged to get promotions for Negroes.

Olsen related how a work stoppage was accomplished by his listening to the poisonous anti-Negro vernacular of other white workers. He told in detail of his having been urged to lead the walkout of white electrical workers which resulted in Carrington's removal from the yard. According to Olsen, this was brought about by the white workers declaring, "We will not work as long as this N—— is on the job." "We white men will not stand for a N—— to be our boss."

This revelation was given to Carrington by Olsen in the presence of other Negro workers after Olsen received notice that he was to be inducted into the U. S. Navy. He said that now that he was going to fight with his life for his own freedom that he could not do so with a clear conscience, knowing that he had thwarted another man from enjoying the same basic privilege—freedom.

Roland Veney Promoted

Through a directive issued by the F. E. P. C., supported by the N. A. A. C. P., and enforced by the Maritime Commission, the Kaiser Company, at Swan Island shipyard, up-graded one Negro to the position of leadman.

Roland F. Veney, electrician who studied electrical engineering at Howard University, Washington, D. C., will head a crew to be composed of white and Negro workers. This issue was hotly discussed by both Negro and whites, the whites protesting the organizing of such a crew, and the Negroes refusing to be isolated.

The company, together with the union, has promised to make this innovation workable. The discussions resulted in an agreement that the crew would begin with not more than four Negro workers, and any new in-coming whites would be directed to that crew.

Postal Alliance Formed

A Portland branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees was formed at a meeting of local postal employees and Mr. Robert E. Colbert of Washington, D. C., national organizer for the association. The meeting was held on August 16 at the home of Mr. Isadore Maney, 122 N. E. Schuyler street.

The purpose of the organization is to protect the interests of postal employees and to work for their welfare. The white mail clerks un-

ion refused further admission to Negroes in 1913. This led to the formation of the Alliance in 1914.

Mr. Maney, who has been a member of the organization since 1914, and was the second Negro in his division to join, was elected president. Other officers are: Elmer A. Flowers, first vice-president; Thomas J. Victorian, second vice-president; Albert S. Franklin, treasurer; Nina A. Jackson, secretary; William H. Woods, assistant
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Movie Actors Uneasy

Hollywood (ANP) — Negro movie actors here are uneasy over the lack of work for them in the current crop of pictures being filmed during this season. The scenario writers are leaving them out of their stories, although they are including many extras in "atmosphere" or crowd roles. Ben Carter, Clarence Muse, Ernest Whitman and others frankly expressed their fears on this issue.

Some of the feature players have been idle for a year, while others have had fewer parts than during the previous season. Hattie McDaniell, however, has been busy all summer.



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THIRD ROW, top—F. Strain, J. Johnson, H. Hoy, T. E. Allen, J. Cantrell, J. D. Benjamin, R. Arnold.

MEMBERS ABSENT and enrollments since picture—J. Braggs, A. Burke, L. Banks, W. Cochrane, E. Caldwell, S. Cannon, J. Crane, C. Edwards, S. Denton, A. Dunn, J. C. Dilworth, A. Etherridge, J. Flood, W. H. Ford, E. Green, J. Gatlin, M. Gerald, B. Isadore, F. Jackson, C. Jackson, C. Johnson, M. Morehead, . Newton, E. Palmer, W. Perry, E. Smith, S. Smith, H. Sileas, G. Sewell, Cpl. D. Webber, S. Wilson, H. Wooten, A. Harris, R. Bennett. Serving in Armed Forces—O. D. ohnson, John Johnson.

THIS UNIT of the Veteran's Guard and Patrol has the following area under its supervision: On the Northwest side, Burnside to Glisan, Broadway to the river front; Northeast side: Russell to Sullivan's Gulch, Union Avenue to the river front.

YOUTH ON PARADE

By GERTRUDE WILLIAMS AND CONSTANCE J. MANEY, Editors

A birthday party for Loraine Taylor was enjoyed by an exclusive few on the 19th. Those present were Ricardo Winslow, Eugene Fuller, Dolores Wilkinson, George Davis, Samuel Wilkinson, and yours truly. The refreshments were delicious and plentiful (oh Ricardo). We really had a fine time for it was over only too soon.

The Royal Order of the Pharos introduced themselves with a very mellow party on the 19th. This was really a "hep jump" and the boys were considered most charming hosts by the young ladies so fortunate as to have been invited. The Royal Order of the Pharos is a club recently organized by some of Portland's teen age boys. Incidentally each boy has joined the Y. M. C. A. and therefore have this organization behind them.

Artie Winslow was in town for a brief 18 hours a short time ago. His "very thoughtful" brother planned a little jump for him on the evening of the 22nd. The music was only fine, the company was pleasing, the atmosphere was romantic, all in all the party was delightful, a real success, the only "fly in the ointment" was that Artie wasn't there. He had to catch a train at 10 P. M. on the 22nd and not at 10 A. M., the 23rd as Ricardo had presumed.

Wasn't it fine! I had a sharp time! Really mellow! These were the expressions that could be heard after the party given by Mrs. George Scott for her niece, Ernestine Sims. The place was really jumping! The guys and gals took over and really had a ball! The food was delicious and the punch was really refreshing after one of those 12-inch jump records. To make the evening complete John Minor Jr. took flash bulb pictures of the group and various individuals.

The young men of Portland are really going to hate to see our three charming debutantes leave for college. June Rand, Rose Marie Brock, and Bettie Rutherford are going from our fair city in search of higher education. I know that all Portland wishes them the very best of luck on their new adventure.

IS IT TRUE ???

That B. V. G.'s "one and only" is J. P.
That V. N. is getting to be a "hep chick"
That L. M. M. still goes for S. W.

McLoughlin Heights News

By HATTIE COX



IN OUR MIDST

Baby Joan Ellis has been ill, but is feeling fine now, up and about, playing again. We are very glad, too, because Baby "Jo" is a very

friendly little tike, and the pet of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Vonnice Howard, from Houston, Texas, is an accomplished seamstress, a very welcome addition to our community, eh, girls?

Mrs. Marvin Dumas left last Tuesday with her little ones to visit parents in Texarkana, Arkansas.

SOCIAL WHIRL

Mrs. W. H. Rodgers entertained quite informally friends from home Sunday afternoon. These very charming people from Huntsville do have fun at their "get-togethers."

A. Y. D. ACTIVITIES

The American Youth for Democracy (A. Y. D.) gave a dance and a very highly entertaining program. It was well attended by a very jolly and interesting crowd. This affair was given at the

Women's Club Auditorium on S. W. Taylor St. in "downtown" Portland. Music was by Bob Backer's Orchestra. Some of the patrons participated in a very lively show of talent during intermission. There is a real "Orch" in the club.

Several members attended a meeting in Seattle.

Meetings are being held in the Vancouver area in the study of the First Congregational Church, 14th and Mian, Vancouver. This local branch is being organized, and is still quite young. There is a good showing already which is rapidly increasing. Great things are being planned, and all clubs can be assured of wholehearted cooperation.

COMING!

There will be a dance at one of the housing projects in the near future. Watch for time and place.

There will be a program soon at the Barnes General Hospital for the soldiers.

A pageant is planned for the seventeenth of September.

Keep these programs in mind, and watch the Observer for dates and places.

That's all folks—

CORRECTION

A correction from last issue: Misses Lucille and Clara Jordan Jordan are not new friends of the Hundleys; they are part of the home town gang from Huntsville.

P. S. MAILBAG!

Letters in the mailbag from Pvt. John D. Ellis, who was recently of Barnes General Hospital. Pvt. Ellis is in Spokane now, and doing nicely. Also letter from Pvt. Leon Wright, South Pacific.

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ORDER OF PHARAOHS HOLD FIRST GET-TOGETHER



The Order of the Pharaohs gave their first general get-together of the coming fall season at the home of a loyal member, Gene Gibbs of N. Ross avenue.

The Pharaohs are a group of young teen-agers of Portland and vicinity who, under the capable guidance of Mr. Maxey, their advisor, are aiming for higher and

better advantages for the boys of Portland's teen-age set.

The club held a swim at the YMCA last Tuesday and afterwards played basketball. The YMCA is open to the use of the boys for their winter sports and activities.

Mr. Maxey has always been interested in boys' activities. He has

been a scout master for both cub and boy scouts, and he is doing very well indeed with his undertaking of the Pharaohs.

Officers of the club include: Richard Joseph Parker Jr., as president; Harold Hoskins, vice-president; T. Wesley Burger, secretary; William Clinton Graves, treasurer, and Lawrence Campbell as Sargeant-at-arms.



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Sport Briefs

By WILLIAM HILLIARD
Sporting Editor, The Peoples Observer

Tiger Jack Fox, one time light-heavy, was in town last week for the Kahut-Earling go. The Tiger was Earling's trainer. After leaving the army, Tiger made a comeback and won three in a row.

Fuller in New Guinea

Pfc. Louis Fuller is reported in good shape after his long voyage across the Pacific to New Guinea, where he is now stationed. Louis, as you all should know, just about broke the city record for the half-mile when he rightly, but politely, upset Joacims of Grant who, after a great build-up by the local press, was favored to take the mile event and win a new record for himself.

Fuller's time for the mile run was 4:32.6. The city record is 4:31 flat, which was made in 1912 by Wilson of Washington, and it still stands.

Judges Needed at Ringsides for Decisions

What does a fighter have to do to win a fight in Portland's ring? Leo "The Lion" Turner, state middle-weight champ, hit Kenny LaSalle of Frisco with everything but the water-bucket and still lost. Why not get judges in Portland instead of the referee giving away decisions? 90 percent of the fans thought that Turner had taken the nod.

Merchants Gain All-Star Berths

Ray Robinson's handlers say he is going to fight again soon. Ray, who was scheduled to go overseas with Joe Louis and his troupe, was given a medical discharge by the army. Louis and his gang are entertaining troops in Italy and is expected back in the States after a visit to our troops in Africa... Chalky Wright has been signed to meet Pittsburgh's Jackie Wilson this September 12th.

Ike Williams, the Trenton New Jersey, battler, who is to meet Sammy Angott this Wednesday night, is to go into the army September 19th.

Bob Willis, Les Wilkinson and "House" Hawthorne won berths on the Northwest's All-Star softball team. All of them played for the Colored Merchants, who took the Northwest Regional softball title. The Merchants are to go back to Cleveland, Ohio, this Sept.

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8th where they will take part in the National softball championship this 16th to 20th... Henry Armstrong still has trouble with the California state boxing commission because of his eyes. Henry recently whipped Willie Joyce in San Francisco.

L. A. Football Teams Have Sepian Stars on Roster

Kenny Washington, the former U.C.L.A. fullback, who was reported to have been signed by the Los Angeles Mustangs to play football for them in the new American league, is not a sure cinch to play for the Mustangs... so hold everything... Clarence Mackey, the big back for U.C.L.A. a couple of seasons ago, has put on a Los Angeles Wildcats uniform. The Mustangs play here this September 15 against the Rockets.

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INDEX TO THE FUTURE

Partisan political loyalties and attachments are not customary identifying characteristics of this publication. However, a positive effort has been exerted on previous occasions to serve as a medium of political clarity for the people of this community who rely upon progressive analysis and criticisms for understanding. This policy has been followed diligently and relentlessly because we have come to realize that our readers are largely persecuted and oppressed citizens. These citizens must know the truth regardless of the mental anguish it may create.

The coming election has certain necessary and inevitable implications for minority peoples residing in the United States. For example, the proclaimed national policy of equality of opportunity irrespective of color is seriously involved. This issue looms directly as the most significant and deserving of serious attention from Negro voters. At present the role of the Negro people in American life is unquestionably that of serfs. Consequently, first and uppermost in the minds of freedom loving Negroes is what methods of struggle are suited to changing and improving the current position of the Negro people.

The many conflicts, overwhelming confusion, psychic hysteria and painful sacrifices that have sprung out of this war, and the perplexing national and international arrangements that will come after it, are all products of political thinking and decisions. This realization demands that Negroes put forth every effort to become politically astute for their own destinies are centrally linked with their future political actions.

For the first time in history the Negro voters of America are in the position of being able to determine the outcome of the impending election in communities where they have never before experienced such a privilege. This is due to the fact that among white voters registrations for both the democratic and republican parties are nearly equal.

In order that this distinct advantage will not be lost, it is mandatory for every Negro voter here to register who can satisfy the state requirements for voting. If the task of registering to vote is taken lightly, or indulged in only to the extent of the monetary compensations awarded selfish political functionaries for their false promises, then disaster is the ultimate result. Already there are indications of petty bickering and indecisive action on the part of Negro politicians who fancy themselves as being members of the "inner circle" of certain segments of the American political scheme. These victims of grandiose delusions must prepare to revise their tactics and develop a sincerity of purpose or cause themselves and their people agonizing grief on the social and economic fronts.

William H. McLendon

Guest Editorial**THE FORT LAWTON INCIDENT**

By EUGENE ARNOLD

The question again comes to the forefront: for what purpose is this war or these wars being fought—(1) for democracy—emphasizing the four freedoms? (2) for white supremacy? (3) or for controlling powers for certain financial cliques of imperialist nations?

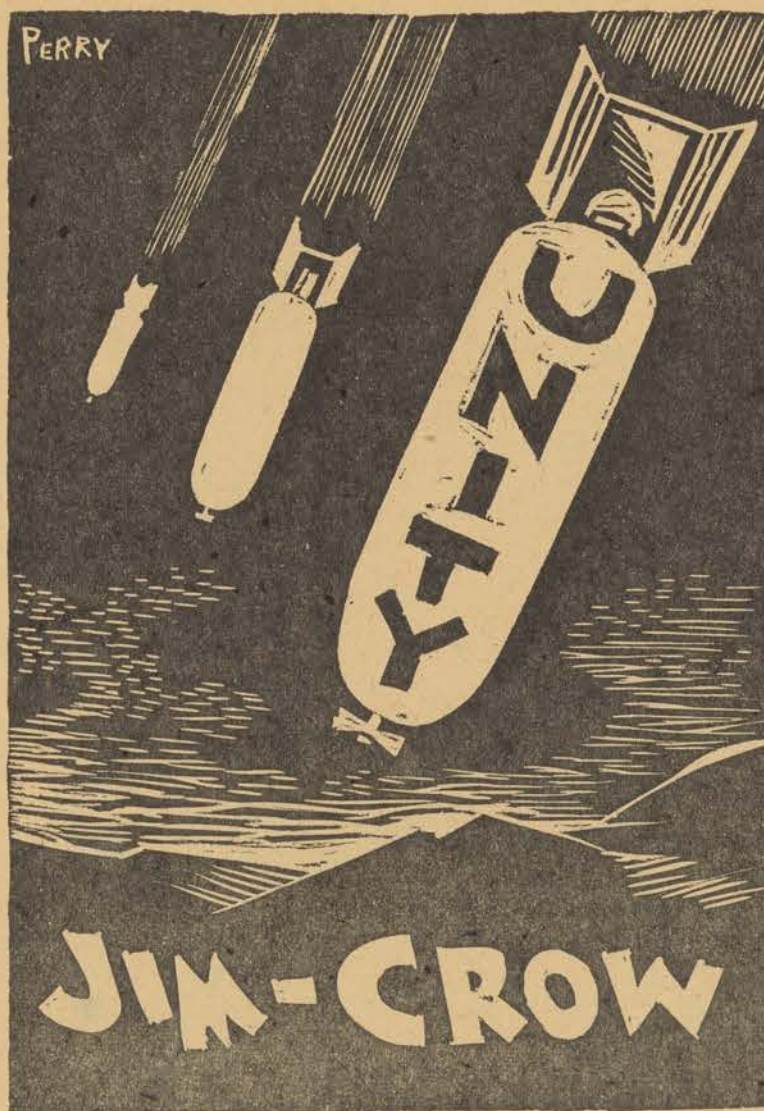
With the recent outbreak at Fort Lawton, one wonders just where the real causes lie, and just where the blame may be placed—on the Italians who are members of a service unit, the Negro or white troops stationed there, or the military authorities in charge. If said

riot was caused by the "easy life" of the Italians, the blame may be placed on the military authorities.

On the other hand, the Italians are said to have oftentimes made "funny remarks" concerning the Negro troops, thus causing the troops to think back to past happenings—being rebuked, insulted, or snubbed at various affairs, occasions and enterprises.

It could have been a grouping up of white and Negro troops, with the Negro troops being pushed forth to commit the actual violence.

Regardless of the causes, a criminal act has been committed on human beings. Yet one cannot

**Low Wallace Pledges No Discrimination**

Low Wallace, democratic national committeeman for Oregon, told a meeting of the Negro Democratic clubs of Oregon at the East Side Elks hall Wednesday, Aug. 30, that a letter he sent recently to federal officeholders asking contributions to the Roosevelt campaign represented "merely an opportunity for them to do what any good democrat should do; namely, to support

justifiably condemn the soldiers, white or Negro, but only blame the authorities who let such a situation foment that could result in a riot.

Italian soldiers, taught to hate non-Aryan races, finally defeated, brought into a strange land, thrown into contact with non-Aryans—what should be expected?

Mr. and Mrs. America, when we read and hear of accounts of this order, we must realize these are Negro American boys from Chicago, Seattle, Houston, Charleston, or San Francisco, or other American communities who have been risking their lives to protect their homeland. It wasn't bad enough to segregate them in army camps, not only in the south, but in the west and the north, giving them inferior treatment, be compared to other soldiers, but finally to accord the conquered enemy far superior treatment than is permitted to them. What do you think?

You be the judge, giving a fair and just decision. Who is to blame?

Wake up America!

in a small way financially the democratic campaign for the re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has done more for the forgotten man, the common man, so to speak, than all the presidents from Washington to Roosevelt combined."

"I want to know and be able to say that our people here at home earning good salaries, living in peace and plenty, are doing just as much in their way as those who are offering their lives, their fortunes and their esteemed services in foreign lands.

"I want to say that I consider it my privilege and my duty as national committeeman of the democratic party to see that as far as possible every Oregon boy and girl is given an opportunity, when he or she returns, to receive a position in the employ of the federal government, or elsewhere, if they so desire. If I am not able to do my full duty as national committeeman, then some one else is welcome to the job.

"In offering my services in behalf of our fighting service men and women I want it to be known that my every act and endeavor will be without the slightest reference to race, color, creed or sex, and I shall dedicate the major portion of my services as national Committeeman to the end that full and complete recognition will be given in a material way to all service men and women."

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Letter to the Editor:

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Strike at Swan Island

The latest feeling of race hatred here in this yard (Swan Island Shipyard) seeped to the surface and became visibly inflamed on August 7th, when it affected not only thoughts, but actions. Eighty percent of the white electricians walked out . . .

This striking action not only parallels, but equals sabotage. An investigation is urged by the federal government to seek the leaders of this atrocious act. They are guilty of violation of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law.

The strikers elected to sacrifice their brothers on the battlefield, rather than control their personal prejudices. These stupid people prefer to pamper their hoarded feelings instead of working to end the war. They prefer to inflict millions of dollars lost in man-hours on the nation, and defy their own government.

A hate so consuming and contaminating that it refuses to listen and understand . . . Whispering campaigns, insulting signs scrawled by imbeciles upon walls of rest rooms, white girls advising each other not to converse with Negro Americans. This, in reality, is fascism . . . un-American activity. When will these individuals be apprehended? How long must their plague baffle, kill, and oppress? Are the minds of men unable to devise an anti-serum for this disease?

The tension here is great. There has been no attempt by the company to substantiate their promises of promoting a mixed crew.

The root of the strike can easily be traced to the company. The supervisor on one occasion before a hearing of the F.E.P.C. stated that in his opinion no Negro should be upgraded higher than a journeyman. This is evidence of the fact that when the social attitude of the official is reflected, it crystalizes in the minds of the subordinates.

The strikers returned to work the following day, after being told to do so by the union. The company refused to take any steps to reprimand any of those involved. It is also true that four leadmen (company men) participated in the walk-out.

Mr. Olsen, a leader in the strike, was with-drawn for two days and then reinstated, but when Walter Carrington, who has been foremost in fighting for Negro rights, was with-drawn, he has yet to be reinstated.

By a well-pondered choice this company has elected to defy and betray the United States government, refusing to allow some American citizens their rights and equality. The Negro Americans are contributing their share toward the support of the nation, in bonds, work, fighting, and their lives!

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Don't forget the Negro people will have many new friends as election day draws nearer!

WOMEN'S PAGE — SOCIAL NEWS

SOCIAL NOTES

By MARJORIE LEVERETTE

1st Lt. Robert Diez, lately returned from the Italian front where he participated in the battles of Sicily, Anzio, and Salerno, performing ninety-three missions as a squadron leader of the famous 99th Fighter Squadron, United States Air Forces, with two planes to his credit. He was able to renew old acquaintanceships during his furlough here, before he and Mrs. Diez departed on a trip to Santa Monica, California. On August 25, Mrs. Josephine Twitty, herself the wife of a sergeant now stationed in India, gave an informal party for the Diezes at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Daney, 6133 N. E. 13th Avenue. This was indeed a gala affair, with everyone present congratulating Lt. Diez on his many exploits.

On the following evening, Lt. and Mrs. Diez were themselves hosts at another informal party, where much reminiscing of pre-war days took place, and episodes dating back to childhood friendships were retold among much laughter and "remember whens".

On Monday evening, August 28, the Diezes were at a cocktail party in the Fraternal Hall lounge, where Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reynolds were hosts to about twenty-four guests.

Bridge Parties, Luncheons Entertain Visitors

Mrs. Clifford C. Walker was hostess at a bridge party honoring Mrs. Cadence Hines, sister of Mr. Willis Williams, at her home, 4834 N. Borthwick, on the evening of August 21. Guests included Miss June Runnells, Mrs. Mary Geneva Savage, Mrs. Cadence Hines, Mrs. Theodore Ingersoll, Mrs. William Harris, Mrs. Harry Hardy, Mrs. Willie Taylor, Mrs. William H. McClendon, Mrs. De-Norval Unthank, Mrs. E. Shelton Hill, Mrs. Jamie Brown, and Mrs. Aldrich Allen. Mrs. Hines received a beautiful gift of Oregon myrtlewood from the hostess. Bridge prizes went to Mrs. Harry Hardy (first) and to Mrs. McClendon (second).

Miss Geneva Turner entertained with a bridge luncheon at her home in Grant Court on August 19, honoring Mrs. Eleanor Boswell of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Thelma Treherne, formerly of Portland, now making her home in Nashville, Tennessee. Bridge was again the main diversion.

August Birthdays Cause Parties

Mrs. Kitty Blackwell and Mrs. Cleo Cooper jointly celebrated their birthdays with a semi-formal party at the home of Mrs. Blackwell, 1712 N. Victoria Avenue, on the evening of August 24. The two hostesses received many lovely gifts and best wishes from the guests who spent the evening en-

joying card games and dancing and champagne cocktails. At midnight, the large cake was cut to the accompaniment of a hidden music box playing "Happy Birthday to You".

Master Gerald Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harris, celebrated his fifth birthday with about twenty of his little friends to enjoy cake and ice cream at a party on Saturday afternoon, August 26, from 3 to 5 p. m. The most wonderful toys were opened by Gerald, after the refreshments had been served, to the mutual delight of Gerald himself and his excited little guests.

Miss Anna Shepherd was in Portland recently visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shepherd. Miss Shepherd has been serving as director of a nursery school in Cincinnati, Ohio. She left Portland August 25 for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she will begin work as YWCA sec-

retary. She is a graduate of Benet College. While in Pittsburgh Miss Shepherd will study towards a Master's degree in social work at the University of Pittsburgh. Many social courtesies were given for this charming visitor during her sojourn in Portland.

COUPLE WED AT PARSONAGE

Miss Jeannette Laurence and Roy Baker, United States Marine Corps, were married on Friday, September 1, by Rev. Browning C. Allen at the parsonage of Bethel A. M. E. church, in a quiet ceremony performed before close friends and relatives. The groom has been stationed at Camp Eugene, North Carolina.

TO ALL MUSIC LOVERS

"International Sweethearts of Rhythm," famous all girl orchestra of many races which is the next presentation of S. H. Duke, boasts having played to a standstill leading male orchestras, white and black, and are ready to take on comers of all colors, either sex.

On one occasion not long ago the girls took on Kay Kyser. While

the bespectacled professor of the "College of Musical Knowledge" didn't yell "Uncle," some of the girls claim he had his tongue out—and anyone who knows Kay will vouch it wasn't at the girls.

The Erskine Hawkins "Swing Battle," before a crowd of 10,000 at the largest annual Negro Festival in the United States in 1941, another occasion at least proved the "International Sweethearts of Rhythm" can put out music equal to their brother musicians any day of the week, in open competition.

Attraction announced cancelled, booked as scheduled



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Vernon Gaskin, president of the Leisure Hour club, won on opening day, August 13, by default.

On August 20, Vernon Gaskin lost, one down on the 19th hole, second round on the 4th flight. Stephen Wright lost, one down on the 18th hole, second round of the 5th flight. Harold Gaskin and Walter Ricks won by default, 2nd round, 4th flight and the 3rd flight respectively.

Why haven't you registered to vote? There's no poll-tax here!

Satchmo Plays Regal

The great Louis Armstrong, world's greatest trumpet player, currently being co-starred in Republic Pictures' "Atlantic City," has been booked by Joe Glaser for an appearance at the Regal Theatre in Chicago, for one week commencing Sept. 1st. Armstrong, who played to "standing room only" recently at the Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco, has been co-starred with his great band in three films in the last four months. A great record, unequalled by any other Colored musical aggregation.



Louis Armstrong

Andy Kirk Waxes Hit Recordings

Bea Booze Scores On Decca Discs, Too

(By Staff Correspondent)

A basket of hit tunes have come forward in the last few months and the source is Andy Kirk, who with his sensational orchestra has been scoring successfully in theatres. With Bea Booze and Ben Jenkins as featured vocalists, the Kirk band has evoked much praise from critics. Decca Records reveal that discs by the Kirk Orchestra and by the charming chanteuse Bea Booze has reached a new high in the sales tabulations for 1944.

Listed as favorite hits with the juke box and frenzied theatre fans who rank Kirk and His Clouds of Joy "tops" are, namely: "Boogie Woogie Cocktail," "The Count," "Hip, Hip Hooray," "I'm Misunderstood," "Take It and Git," and the popular "Hey Lawdy Mama."

Bea Booze scores with "See See Rider Blues," "Catchin' As Catch Can," "If I Didn't Love You," "War Rationin' Papa" and a swingy thingy "I Love To Georgia Brown So Slow."

Jenkins is a favorite with theatre-goers and has been acclaimed the Number One Male Vocalist "chin-up" favorite with many of the boys and girls in the armed forces. An appealing manly voice has Ben.

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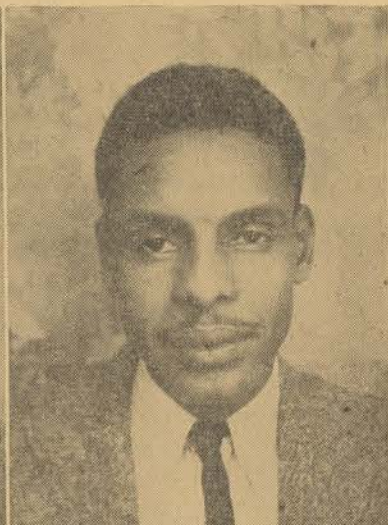
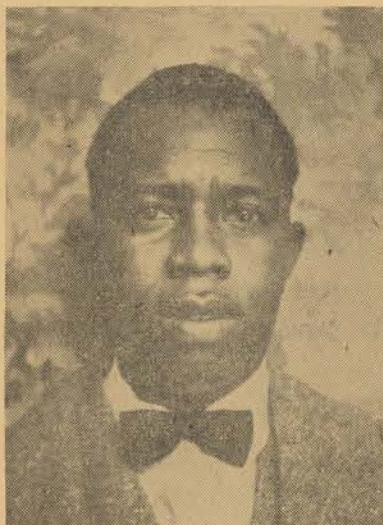
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Rev. L. V. Perkins, formerly of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Rev. Reese H. Williams, of Birmingham, Alabama, were ordained July 20, at a special service held in the Burton Homes Baptist Church. Rev. R. L. Johnson officiated.

Baptist Associations Meet

A joint session of the Golden West Baptist Association and the General Baptist Association of the West convened at the People's Community Baptist Church, N. E. 74th and Glisan street, of which Rev. R. E. Donaldson is pastor,

on August 18 to 20. Theme of the session was "Building with Christ". Rev. H. C. Cheatam, pastor of the Community M. B. Church in Vanport, was moderator, and Rev. James W. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burton Homes, Vancouver, Washington, was secretary.

Other pastors participating were: Rev. T. H. Hopkins, Rev. Henry Gaines, Rev. J. P. Ridgley, Rev. R. L. Johnson, Rev. A. Griffen, Rev. C. C. Thompson, and Rev. W. M. Moore.

Musical numbers throughout the meeting were rendered by Mrs. Clara Louise Childress, the Harmonizing Five quartet, Mrs. Linnie Carter, Mr. John Larry, Mrs. Louise G. Martin, Mrs. Linnie Ree Carter, and the choirs of the People's Community Baptist Church and the Vanport Community Choir under the direction of Mr. Zackery.

Women's activities were led by Mrs. Bertha Whitfield and Mrs. Ada Wiggs, during the missionary conference on August 18, Mrs. Novella Donaldson, Mrs. T. W. Kendrick, pianist; Mrs. Thelma Sango of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.

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Among the gifts received by Mr. Carter were those from Mrs. Alice Carter, Mrs. Jannie Davis, Mrs. Arlene Storghill, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Moore, and Mrs. Josephine Armstrong.

Obituary

MARJORIE T. SIMMONS

Marjorie Elizabeth Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Simmons, Vancouver, Washington, died at the Northern Permanente hospital on August 15, at the age of ten years, nine months and one day.

Marjorie Simmons was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 14, 1933. She lived there with her family until the first of this year, when the family moved to Vancouver. She is survived by her parents and her brother, James R.

Simmons, Jr.

Funeral services were held at a funeral home in Vancouver, Washington. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. V. Perkins. Rev. R. L. Johnson officiated. Interment was at Park Hill cemetery.

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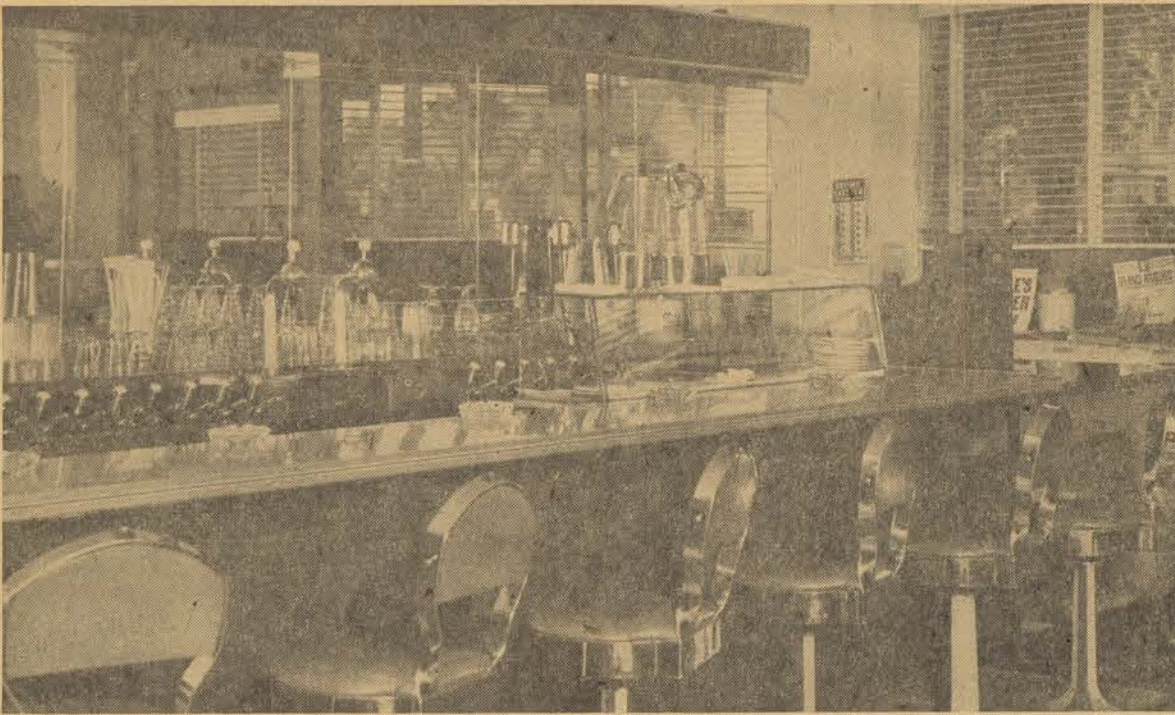
Vanport Bus to S. W. 9th and Oak Bus Station, walk eastward one and a half blocks to Broadway. Take South-bound Broadway Trolley or Mississippi Bus, to S. W. Salmon Street, walk two blocks East.

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Persons who were registered in one precinct, but have since changed their place of residence, must register again in order to vote in the precinct in which they are now living.

Persons who failed to vote at the last election must also register to be eligible to vote November 7.

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Merchants Gain Tie in National League Standings

By WILLIAM HILLIARD
Sports Editor

The Colored Merchants and Islanders finished the second half with eight wins and two losses apiece to tie for the championship honors. The two teams will battle it out for supremacy at a date not set.

The Merchants took their last three games in stride although they had to play overtime twice in order to win. The Blue Bell Potato

Chip team forced the Merchants to go a full 15 innings before they finally lost. This same team bowled before the Merchants in a second game to the tune of 11 to 3. Wilkinson went the route for the Merchants.

Ernie Brooks hit a home run on the first pitch in the last of the 15th to deep center to win the Merchants' last game. The Merchants had forged ahead of the W-B 99 Tavern on a home run to left field by Lonnie Harris with two on to lead 3 to 0. The Tavern 10 got back two of these runs and the score remained 3 to 2 until the first of the ninth when W-B 99 Tavern scored two runs on a hit and two errors. But the Merchants were not to be outdone. With two out Art Shepherd, Ed, Burnett, the Merchants captain, hit a high bouncer second baseman who juggled the ball. Shepherd who was

with the tying run. However, Art was hurt on the play and had to leave the game under escort. From here on the boys really played some fine ball. It was Brooks' homer in the 15th that put the padlock on the game. Sanders started the game for the Merchants but had to be relieved in the fifth by Searcie, who came in to strike out the side. Great fielding plays by Brooks, Harris, Shepherd and Burnett saved many a grief on the pitcher.

Scores in last two games:

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Walter Ricks Still in Golf Running

Walter Ricks of the Leisure Hour Golf Club, playing in the third flight, won his third golf match in the city tournament at the Eastmoreland Municipal Golf course last Sunday, beating Mel Duncan 2 and 1. Harold "Shorty" Gaskin bowed out to Jean Colton 5 and 3, Gaskin was playing in the fourth flight. Stephen Wright and Vernon Gaskin lost out in their initial bid. Wright lost to Roberts 2 and 1, while Vernon Gaskin was defeated on the last hole, 1 up.

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Negro Co-op in Nation's Capital

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Rochdale. The members would have to match this by raising the additional 50 percent within one year. Several groups in Washington seized on the plan, but Frederick Douglass was the first to meet the requirements and merged with Rochdale in January.

The Frederick Douglass housing project, built for Negroes by the District of Columbia Housing Authority, was bare of commercial facilities of any kind. In January, 1941, a number of the residents decided to organize the Frederick Douglass Cooperative Buying club, which they subsequently housed in the basement of one of the member's homes for three and a half years. Though the range of commodities was limited, the volume of business grew until it reached \$1,000 a week.

Tribute was paid to the Frederick Douglass residents and to the work of the membership and Capital Drive Committee by William Blaisdell, president of Eastern Cooperative Wholesale, who presented the store with the Centennial plaque, and C. E. Behre, vice-president of Rochdale Stores, and others. Among those present was Dr. T. E. Ward, president of the College of Liberia, who was impressed by this example of cooperative endeavor to solve an economic need for his race in this country. Dr. Ward is here studying ways by which he may be able to help the people in this country to help themselves and plans to make an extensive study of cooperatives while in America.

The Frederick Douglass Co-op

now has over 300 members and expects to do a weekly business of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The store is located at 2101 Alabama Ave. S. E. Harry Terry, in whose 20x20 basement the buying club grew up, will be manager.

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